

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An oral dosage form for treatment of the symptoms of acute pain comprising a glucosamine material and a therapeutic amount of an analgesic compound, wherein

the weight ratio of glucosamine material to analgesic compound is such that the analgesic efficacy of the oral dosage form in alleviating the symptoms of acute pain when administered orally is greater than the analgesic efficacy of the analgesic compound alone at the dosage level for the analgesic compound,

the glucosamine material is α - or β - glucosamine or mixtures thereof, N-acetyl glucosamine, glucosamine sulfate, or glucosamine hydrochloride and the weight ratio of glucosamine material to said analgesic compound is about 2:1 or more, said ratio being calculated based on glucosamine sulfate as the glucosamine material.

2. (Previously Presented) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of glucosamine material to the analgesic compound is in the range of about 2:1 to 20:1.

3. (Original) The dosage form of claim 2 wherein the analgesic compound is an NSAID.

4. (Original) The dosage form of claim 3 wherein the analgesic compound is a propionic acid analgesic.

5. (Original) The dosage form of claim 4 wherein the analgesic compound is ibuprofen.

6. (Original) The dosage form of claim 4 wherein the analgesic compound is ketoprofen.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The dosage form of claim 1 in which the analgesic compound is selected from ibuprofen and ketoprofen.

12. (Original) The dosage form of claims 1 or 2 further comprising a therapeutic amount of an antiarthritic, antihistamine, muscle relaxant, sleep aid, decongestant, a bronchodilator, or a mixture thereof.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method to alleviate the symptoms of acute pain in a human patient, which comprises orally administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of an oral dosage form of claims 1 or 2.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the dosage form is in the form of a dosage unit containing from 0.1 to about 800 mg/kg of analgesic and glucosamine material.

16. (Currently Amended) The method to alleviate the symptoms of acute pain according to claim 14, comprising administering orally to a patient an oral dosage form, said oral dosage form comprising a therapeutic amount of an analgesic compound in admixture with a glucosamine material, wherein

the analgesic compound is ibuprofen or ketoprofen,

the glucosamine material comprises α - or β -glucosamine, N-acetylglucosamine, glucosamine sulfate or glucosamine HCl,

the weight ratio of glucosamine material to analgesic compound is in the range of 2:1 up to 10:1, said ratio being calculated based on glucosamine sulfate as the glucosamine material, and,

at said ratio and dosage level, the analgesic efficacy of said dosage form is enhanced over the analgesic efficacy of the analgesic compound alone.